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Inventor(s): Larry K. Johnson, et al.

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a RESPONSE for the patent application:

Application No. : 09/459,138  
 Applicant(s) : Larry K. Johnson, et al.  
 Filed : December 10, 1999  
 Title : METHOD FOR MAKING A SEAM FOR USE IN DISPOSABLE  
 ARTICLES  
 TC/A.U. : 1733  
 Examiner : John T. Haran  
 Conf. No. : 9687  
 Docket No. : 7040R  
 Customer No. : 27752

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**Reply under 37 CFR § 1.116 - Expedited Procedure - Technology Center 1733****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of Larry K. Johnson *et al.*

Title: Method For Making A Seam For Use In Disposable Articles

Application No.: 09/459,138

Confirmation No.: 9687

Filed: 10 December 1999

Group Art Unit: 1733

Examiner: John. T. Haran

Docket No.: 7040R

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed on 11 September 2003, reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks is hereby respectfully requested.

Please consider the **amendments to the claims** as reflected in the listing of the claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Please consider the **remarks** beginning on page 5 of this paper.